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1. ASKING THAT WE KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE IT IS

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUSINESS, FCO ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY WEIR (IN CHARGE ME AND UN AFFAIRS) TOLD US OCTOBER 31 THAT FRENCH HAVE MADE REPRESENTATION TO ARAB REPS IN NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF EC NINE. GIST OF REPRESENTATION AS HE RECALLED IT WAS URGING ARABS DURING FORTHCOMING DEBATE TO: (A) TAKE MODERATE LINE; (B) MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE STATUS OF THE PLO; (C) AVOID CUTTING ACROSS RESOLUTION 242; AND (D) AVOID JEOPARDIZING CURRENT ME NEGOTIATIONS.

2. INITIAL ARAB REACTION (FROM EGYPTIANS) IS POSITIVE, WITH ASSURANCE GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE NO RESOLUTIONS MAKING REFERENCE TO PLO. IN LIGHT OF RABAT SUMMIT RESULTS, HOWEVER, BRITISH WONDER HOW MUCH SUCH ASSURANCES ARE WORTH.

3. WEIR TOLD US HE HAD REMONSTRATED WITH FRENCH, WHEN HE WENT TO PARIS OCTOBER 25 FOR PERIODIC BILATERAL TALKS, ABOUT THEIR VOTE ON PLO PARTICIPATION. HE DESCRIBED FRENCH AS SOMEWHAT CONTRITE AND WILLING TO LISTEN WHEN HE ARGUED THAT IT WAS STUPID TO GIVE THINGS AWAY FOR FREE TO PLO IN ADVANCE OF THE DEBATE. WEIR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT EC NINE WOULD MAKE BETTER EFFORT THAN BEFORE TO COORDINATE ON A JOINT POLICY TOWARD PLO QUESTION THIS TIME IN NEW YORK.

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